



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held September 13, 2005, the Board took the following action:

67-B

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“The people of Los Angeles County overwhelmingly approved Proposition B in 1996 in order to reduce the influence that campaign funds have on the County’s governmental processes.

“Proposition B has been successful in reducing the amount of money individuals and companies contribute to County campaigns and the amount of time candidates spend raising campaign funds, and in so doing, reducing the influence of campaign funding on the governmental process.

“Proposition B is crystal clear in assigning responsibility for the enforcement of violations of this law to the District Attorney of this County.

“There appears to be confusion or ambiguity as to the assignment of responsibility for screening campaign finance filings in order to determine compliance with Proposition B, and the need for referral to the District Attorney for enforcement.

“This confusion may have resulted in the lack of enforcement of certain of Proposition B’s provisions on a number of occasions since its passage.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the County Counsel, in conjunction with the District Attorney and the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, was instructed to present a plan to the Board at its October 11, 2005 meeting that:

1. Assigns the responsibility for screening campaign finance filings for compliance with Proposition B requirements to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk;
2. Establishes a protocol by which the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk refers violations of Proposition B to the District Attorney as called for in Proposition B;
3. Ensures that the District Attorney enforces the County's campaign finance laws as provided in Proposition B; and
4. Includes funding for staffing necessary to implement these recommendations.

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